MASSACHUSETTS BAY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY
TRANSPORTATION BUILDING
10 PARK PLAZA
BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS 02116-3975

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Sealed bids for MBTA Contract No. **K75CN02, NEW BEDFORD/FALL RIVER COMMUTER RAIL EXTENSION PROJECT, SOUTH COAST BRIDGES - NEW BEDFORD, MA,** (Class 4(a) - Bridges, Steel Superstructure, Project Value - 80.00), will be received by the Deputy Director of Design and Construction, Contracts, at the Contract Administration Office, 5th Floor, Room 5610, Transportation Building, 10 Park Plaza, Boston, Massachusetts, 02116-3975, until two o'clock (2:00 p.m.) on February 21, 2001. Immediately thereafter, in a designated room, the Bids will be opened and read publicly.

The work consists of the removal and replacement of three (3) bridge superstructures at Cedar Grove Street, Weld Street and Logan Street all in New Bedford, MA, including modifications to or replacement of the existing abutments, 2,400 +/- l.f. of modifications to or replacement of existing retaining walls and 1,300 +/- l.f. of berm work to stabilize existing retaining walls. Also included is grading, drainage, site work, sidewalk and roadway work, crash wall work and utility relocations. The Contractor will remove existing and construct approximately 2,200 +/- l.f. of new railroad track.

The low bidder must comply with documentation requirements referred to in Article 1.12, COMPETENCY OF BIDDERS, in the INSTRUCTIONS TO BIDDERS.

Each prospective bidder proposing to bid on this project must be prequalified in accordance with the Authority's "Procedures Governing Classification and Rating of Prospective Bidders." Copies may be obtained from the Contract Administration Office at the above address. Requests for prequalification for this Project will not be accepted by the Authority after the tenth (10th) day preceding the date set for the opening of bids.

Prequalified bidders may obtain from the Contract Administration Office a "Request for Bid Form" which must be properly filled out and submitted for approval.

Bidding documents may be obtained from the Contract Administration Office at the address above from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., on January 19, 2001, Monday through Friday, at a charge of $100.00 per copy. The Authority's STANDARD SPECIFICATIONS, BIDDING AND CONTRACT REQUIREMENTS AND DIVISION 1 - GENERAL REQUIREMENTS dated November, 1983, is available at a charge of $5.00 per copy. Authority's STANDARD SPECIFICATION, CONSTRUCTION, dated January 1980, is available at a charge of $15.00 per copy. The MBTA's Standard Plan entitled "MBTA Railroad Operations – Commuter Rail Design Standards Manual," is available at a charge of $35.00 per copy, payable by separate check. Bidding documents will be sent upon request and receipt of an additional fee of $15.00, payable by separate check. Bidding documents will be forwarded by Air Freight, where such service is available, at the expense of the plan holder. The Geotechnical Interpretive Report is available at a charge of $15.00 per copy. NONE OF THESE CHARGES ARE REFUNDABLE.

Bidders attention is directed to Appendix 1, Notice of Requirement for Affirmative Action to Insure Equal Employment Opportunity; and to Appendix 2, Supplemental Equal Employment Opportunity, Anti-Discrimination, and Affirmative Action Program in the specific ations.

Bidders will affirmatively ensure that in regard to any contract entered into pursuant to this solicitation, minority and female construction contractors will be afforded full opportunity to submit Bids and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, religion, sex, age, or national origin in consideration for an award.

Bidders will be required to comply with Federal Equal Employment Opportunity Regulations and the President's Executive Order No. 11246 and any amendments or supplements thereto.

Authorization for the Bidders to view the site of the work on the MBTA's property shall be obtained from the Project Manager, Mr. F. F. DeRoma, 500 Arborway, Jamaica Plain, MA 02130. 617-222-3465. The Authority will conduct an inspection tour of the site on February 7, 2001. Bidders are requested to be present in front of the Cedar Grove Street Bridge Site, New Bedford, February 7, 2001, Massachusetts, at 10:00 a.m. to participate in the tour. Bidders are advised that they should have representation at this tour as no extra visits are planned.

A prebid conference will be held on February 8, 2001 at 10:00 a.m. at the MBTA Offices, 500 Arborway, Jamaica Plain, MA, 617-222-3119. Any request for interpretation of the Plans and Specifications should be submitted in writing at the same time.

Bidders will be required to certify as part of their bids that they are able to furnish labor that can work in harmony with all other elements of labor employed or to be employed on the work.

This Contract is subject to minimum State wage rates as well as all other applicable labor laws.

Bid Guaranty shall consist of a bid deposit in the amount of five (5) percent of the value of the bid, in the form of a bid bond, cash, certified check, treasurer's or cashier's check.

The successful Bidder shall be required to furnish a Performance Bond and a Labor and Materials Payment Bond each for the full amount of the Contract price.

The Authority reserves the right to reject any or all Bids, to waive informalities, to advertise for new Bids or proceed to do the work otherwise, as may be deemed to be in the best interests of the Authority.

This information may be viewed at the MBTA website:

http://www.mbta.com/newsinfo/geninfo/projects/contractadmin/solicitations/

Plans and specifications may also be viewed at the following locations:

Massachusetts Alliance for Small Contractors
One South Station - 3rd. Fl.
Mail Stop 01302
Boston, MA 02110

Women's Business Enterprise Alliance
P.O. Box 132
385 Blue Hill Drive
Westwood, MA 02090

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Date: **January 11, 2001**

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